to make a film entitled "MAKING OF A MAHATMA", based on Mahatma Gandhi's formative years in South Africa, when he stated his experiments in non-violent satyagraha. The project is to be a collaboration between the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) and the National Film Development Corporation Ltd. (NFDC). The NFDC is to be the executive producer of the film.

(b) The script of the film is ready. Other formalities such as signing of the agreement between the NFDC and the SABC, location hunting and casting etc. are under way and would be completed in due course.

(c) The approximate cost of production of the film is estimated to be Rs. 4 crores out of which the Indian share will be Rs. 2.5 crores.

Overhauling the Non-electronic media units

130. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to overhaul the majority of its non-electronic media units on a warfooting; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Evaluation of working of AIR

131. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have considered the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Communications (Fifth Report) suggesting evaluation of the present system of working of AIR by an independent outside Agency; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Children's enrichment experiment through Radio)

132. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the aim of the Children's Enrichment Experiment through Radio programme (CHEER;

(b) in how many languages and how many centres have introduced this system; and

(c) what is the plan to expand this programme in all languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The broad aims and objectives of the programme are annexed as statement. (*See* below)

(b) : AIR, Rohtak Hindi
AIR, Lucknow Hindi
AIR, Cuttack Oriya
AIR, Vishakapatnam — Telugu

(c) Extension of this programme to other All India Radio stations or its broadcast in other languages would depend upon availability of the requisite infrastructural facilities at the field level.

Statement

(i) To use radio to support and strengthen the teaching by anganwadi workers to help children develop listening skills and to enhance